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1. On 16 May 1951, there was no flying at Laerz airfield. On 17 May, three swept-back jet fighters took off from the field and headed toward Wittstock. The jet planes were parked in five groups at the field. Red numbers were seen on the noses of those planes, which were not covered with tarpaulins. The stand-by planes were parked at the western end of the runway. Motor vehicle [] was seen entering and leaving the field. Fuel was being transferred from six railroad tank cars on the spur track into tank trucks. The aircraft crates previously seen were no longer there. There were landing lights in the northeastern extension of the runway.
2. A closed-in truck with a rod antenna on top was located north of the runway. A braced radio mast was located on a mound, about 5 meters high, at the end of the row of lights northeast of the runway. A cable led from this radio mast to a bunker which was about 1.5 meter above the ground. *
3. Between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 25 May, 44 swept-back jet fighters, 6 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with radial engines, and 2 biplanes were seen at the field. The low-wing monoplanes were painted olive-drab. [] ** At 9:30 a.m., four jet fighters with swept-back wings took off in separate formations of two and practiced formation flying for 20 minutes. The planes then landed individually. The same practice was repeated about 30 minutes later. This flying activity was continued throughout the day.
4. A radio installation was seen for the first time north of the eastern end of the runway. There was a mast about 6 meters high from which an antenna led to a tree of the same height about 20 meters away. The antenna had a lead-in to an earth bunker in which eight air force soldiers were seen. Buried cables ran in different directions from the bunker to the field, a sentry with field glasses was seen on top of the bunker. He was observing the northern and eastern edges of the field.

* [] Comment. A landing beacon.

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